

Application No.: 09/653,286
Response

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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. No claims are currently being amended, canceled or added. Therefore, claims 1-18 and 20-29 are pending in the application.

Extension of Time

A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date for response to the Final Office Action until February 19, 2005.

Advisory Action Requested

If this response does not result in a Notice of Allowance, then Applicants respectfully request a timely Advisory Action.

Written Statement regarding Substance of 2/3/05 Interview per 37 CFR 1.133(b)

Applicants appreciate very much the opportunity to discuss the rejections in this application with Examiner Motilewa Good-Johnson in the telephone interview that occurred on February 3, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. EST. Those participating in the interview were Examiner Good-Johnson and the undersigned attorney of record. In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.133(b), and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) §713.04, Applicants provide the following written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action.

No exhibits were shown or discussed. The claims that were discussed were independent claim 1 and claims 20-29. The prior art that was discussed was U.S. Patent No. 6,538,666 to Ozawa et al. ("Ozawa et al."). No specific proposed amendments were discussed.